Macro Management Mode. States have the flexibility to prepare a Work Plan according to their priorities. Funds allocated during 2002-03 to North Eastern States including Sikkim under this programme is Rs. 54.40 crores as 100 per cent Central assistance. The scheme will continue during Tenth Plan.

In addition, Centrally sponsored scheme on On-Farm Water Management has been launched in Eastern States for providing irrigation at the command of the farmers through which a sum of Rs. 13.81 crores during 2002-03 as GOI share has been allocated to the States of Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur and Mizoram and the scheme will continue during the Tenth Plan period.

Production of fruits, vegetables and floriculture products

†1069. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total production of fruits, vegetables and floriculture products during each of the last three years;

(b) whether Government are aware of the problems being faced by the producers of these products;

(c) if so, the details thereof and whether production of these items has been stopped by the producers; and

(d) if so, what measures have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The available details of production of fruits, vegetables and floricultural items in the country during the last three years are given in the table below:

Production of Fruits, Vegetables and Flowers

(Production in ,000 tonnes)

Item	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
Fruits	44042	45496	45370
Vegetables	87536	90823	93922
Flowers			
Loose	418.8	509.2	556.4
Cut (lakh Nos)	6428	6806	8035

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(b) and (c) The Government is aware about problems being faced by the producers of fruits, vegetables and flowers. The Working Group on Horticulture constituted by the Planning Commission for the Tenth Five Year Plan have identified various constraints in the development of horticulture. Some of the major constraints identified are inadequate availability of disease free quality planting material, slow dissemination and adaptability of improved high yielding cultivars/hybrids, inadequate facility for identification of nutrient deficiency and disorders, inadequacy of technologies in value addition, inadequate post harvest management infrastructure, weak database and poor market intelligence, instability of price and poor credit support. Despite the constraints, the farmers have not stopped the cultivation of fruits, vegetables and flowers and the production has increased.

(d) The Government has been addressing the problems and constraints through various Plan schemes. With effect from October 2000, nine schemes on horticulture development were subsumed unde the Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Macro Management in Agriculture—Supplementation/ Complementation of State Efforts through Work Plans. The Scheme provides flexibility to the State Governments to take up programmes as per the felt needs and requirement of the crop and region including crops which have potential for exports. Besides, the National Horticulture Board is addressing the issues of commercial horticulture and post harvest management needs under their schemes.

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA), Ministry of Commerce and Industry is also implementing various programmes for promoting exports of horticulture produce.

Agricultural contribution in GDP

†1070. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the contribution of agriculture in the Gross Domestic Product of the country has continuously been declining during past decades;

(b) if so, the percentage of this contribution at the end of the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(c) the estimated percentage thereof at the end of the Tenth Five Year Plan?

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